

REMARKS

Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1, 8 to 10, 15 to 17, 21 to 23, 27, 34, 40 to 43, 47 to 49 and 53 have been amended. Each of these amendments has been made for clarification purposes only, disclaims no subject matter over the prior art and not to overcome any art of record. Claims 79 to 90 have been added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new subject matter. In this regard, the Patent Office's attention is directed to Figs. 2, 9, 10, 13 and 14 and corresponding text for example supporting the new claims. Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

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